

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL SHEILA
C. MIDDLETON

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of our Virgin Islands' heroines—Corporal Sheila Christina Middleton.

Born in Far Rockaway, Queens, she moved with her family to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands in 1996.

After graduating the Virgin Islands Police Academy in 1981 she served the department as a patrol officer for 9 years. That was before she found her true calling—working with the children and youth of the Virgin Islands.

Sheila understood and loved our children, and they loved and respected her in return. Her emphasis in criminal justice was prevention, and she knew that effort had to begin as early in their lives as possible.

She was the D.A.R.E. coordinator for the territory. She taught the children about the negative effects of drugs and alcohol on their bodies and their lives. She counted among her greatest rewards the smiles on their faces, after they had completed their courses and marched to receive their certificates at the annual D.A.R.E. graduations.

Her passion for this work emanated from her deep religious faith. She was a devout member of Speak the Word Ministries from whose congregation and worship she also renewed her strength and received guidance. They and her family were her "rock."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I had the privilege of working with Corporal Middleton. She was as fine an officer and human being as you would ever want to know.

She left us early, but she gave much during her relatively short life. We are grateful for her life and service to the Virgin Islands community. Our children and our entire community call her blessed.

A TRIBUTE TO SUNIL ANAND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sunil Anand, a distinguished member of the business community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

A native of India, Sunil Anand is a successful Certified Public Accountant and entrepreneur performing specialty services to the non-profit sector. He has consulted for numerous Headstart and day care centers, senior citizen programs, mental health programs, homeless prevention programs, AIDS and

drug-addiction prevention programs, teenage pregnancy prevention programs, and low-income housing programs.

Mr. Anand is a much sought-after consultant because he is very familiar with federal, state and city rules and regulations for funding agency financial reporting procedures. He has conducted certified audits including A-133, reviewed and prepared financial statements including cash flow analysis and other related statements for various non-profit government funded organizations.

A full service accounting professional, Mr. Anand has established internal control systems including budgetary controls, structural policies and procedures with respect to the cycle of the entity's activities (external financial reporting), financial statement captions (cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables and accrued liabilities), accompanying systems (cash receipts, disbursements, payroll and general ledger) and inventory controls. Additionally, Mr. Anand has provided financial and administrative management to the real estate industry; his service to the industry included purchase and sales of apartment buildings (residential and commercial), multiple dwellings, condominiums, and single-family residences.

In 1968, Mr. Anand graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Delhi University in India. In 1971, he received Professional Accounting and Auditing Training (equivalent P.A.) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. In 1973, he completed an IBM System 360—Programming, System Design and Analysis Internship Program at New York University and in the same year he completed an M.B.A.—C.P.A. Program at Long Island University in New York. In 1984, Mr. Anand became a New York State Licensed Real Estate Broker and Notary Public.

Mr. Anand is a member of several professional organizations including: Association of MBA Executives; National Association of Accountants; National Society of Public Accountants; National Society of Tax Professionals; and the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Sunil Anand as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local community.

Mr. Speaker, Sunil Anand's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

BANKER ALLEY TO RETIRE AFTER
50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Mr. Dale Alley of Hutto and Round

Rock, TX, for his retirement after 50 years in the community banking profession. Achieving 50 years in the community banking profession is a rare honor and Dale should be commended for having reached this milestone. On June 25, 2006, Dale will retire with grateful acknowledgment from his communities, customers, and friends. He leaves behind a legacy of tireless service, active community participation, and positive impact on local economies.

As community banks are merged and acquired at a rapid rate, it is important to note that there are still bankers who participate fully in their communities and strengthen those communities by their dedication to service and goodwill; Dale Alley is such a banker. Community bankers fuel the engine of small businesses and literally built Texas communities from the ground up. Dale Alley leaves a dynamic blueprint and a commendable legacy for those assuming his positions at Union State Bank and the other institutions where he has served.

In 1956, a young man nervous with anticipation walked into First State Bank in Denton, TX, for his first day of employment. He wasn't sure where this initial job might take him, but he knew that he wanted to be involved in the banking industry. Now, 50 years later, that same man is putting the finishing touches on a brilliant career in community banking.

Dale began his employment with First State Bank in Denton, TX, in 1956. During the next two decades, he worked both as an administrative assistant in the Texas State Banking Department and an executive vice president and loan officer with Farmers State Bank in Round Rock. Over the course of his distinguished career, Dale served as president and board chairman of the Hutto State Bank, which he opened in 1986. As president and board chairman, he achieved his ultimate goal of becoming the chief managing officer.

After the sale of that bank, Dale was approached by B.M. Beck, president and chairman of Union State Bank, in regards to opening a Union State Bank Branch in Round Rock. Dale accepted the offer and operated a service-oriented and profitable banking branch. In 2003, Dale accepted the position of executive vice president and chief lending officer for all five Union State Bank locations in Central Texas. Over the course of his career, Dale consistently emphasized the importance of customer service and making his clients feel appreciated.

Dale's career path has been filled with success, but he would tell you his proudest accomplishments come from the impact he has made on his community. In fact, Dale recently wrote, "My favorite part of working in the banking industry for 50 years has been the satisfaction gained from being a community banker and experiencing the economic growth and vitality resulting from the bank's activities." The efforts of Dale and his fellow community bankers are essential to the success of communities throughout America.

Small businesses come to community banks for financial help because they know and trust

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